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E.O. 11652:HN/A

TAGS: PFOR RH US ZA

SUBJ: NKOMO AND MUGABE AIR THEIR VIEWS ON ZAMBIAN TV

REF: LUSAKA 1051

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1. CO-LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE WERE INTERVIEWED ON HALF-HOUR TV CURRENT EVENT SHOW EVENING OF APRIL 20.

2. DURING THE INTERVIEW, NKOMO ONCE AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO U.S. PARTICIPATION IN A CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY THE BRITISH TO DECIDE RHODESIA'S FUTURE. HE SAID THAT THE CONFERENCE OUGHT TO BE CONFINED TO THOSE PARTIES WHICH ARE ENGAGED IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT. THE U.S. IS NOT SO ENGAGED AND IT IS NOT EVEN A COLONIAL POWER. THE U.S. SHOULD ASSIST BRITAIN IN BRINGING ABOUT WHATEVER CHANGE THE CONFERENCE DECIDES. THIS SHOULD BE DONE OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE THROUGH THE UN OR BILATERALLY. THE U.S. IS A BIG POWER AND CAN BRING PRESSURE

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ON SOUTH AFRICA. IF IT DOES SO IT WILL HAVE PERFORMED A "WONDERFUL ROLE".

3. MUGABE AT ANOTHER POINT MADE CLEAR THAT HE COULD NOT CONCEIVE OF HALTING THE GUERRILLA WAR UNTIL THERE WAS A GOVERNMENT (BLACK MAJORITY) IN CONTROL INSIDE THE COUNTRY.

4. INTERLOCUTOR POSED SKEPTICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT EXTENT OF MUGABE'S POLITICAL FOLLOWING AND SPLITS WITHIN ZANU TO MUGABE WHO RITUALISTICALLY AND NOT VERY CONVINCINGLY DENIED THE THRUST OF THE QUESTIONS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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5. COMMENT: WE FOUND IT INTERESTING THAT THE TV INTERVIEWER DID NOT POSE QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO MAKE THE LEADERS OF THE FRONT LOOK GOOD AND CONVINCING. RATHER, HE FED THEM HARD QUESTIONS WHICH REFLECTED THE SKEPTICISM REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE FRONT AND ITS LEADERS WHICH IS WIDESPREAD IN ZAMBIA.  
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